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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : H. NISHIDA et al.  
Serial No. : 08/295,686  
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For : PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF EASY-OPEN CAN  
LID MADE OF RESIN LAMINATED METAL  
SHEET, EASY-OPEN CAN LID, AND RESIN  
LAMINATED METAL SHEET FOR EASY OPEN CAN  
LID

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 24, 1995. A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this response.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,348,809 to Oyagi et al.; U.S. Patent No. 5,234,123 to Layre et al.; or U.S. Patent No. 5,131,556 to Iioka et al. taken with U.S. Patent No. 4,887,732 to Matsubayashi et al.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As is clear from the disclosure of the specification of the present application, the essence of the present invention resides in a process for producing an easy-open can lid which does not require repair coating of the tear-along groove portions (i.e., scores) after processing; a composite cold-forming method for forming a tear-along groove in a resin laminated metal sheet, an easy-open can lid obtained from such a method; and a resin laminated metal sheet having the specific characteristics defined in the claims.

Important features of the present invention reside in the following two points.

